



Delphia Mae Foell

August 25, 1918 - June 26, 2023

Delphia Mae Foell, 104, of Sheffield passed away Monday, June 26, 2023, at the Sheffield Care Center. Funeral services will be held at First Grace Baptist Church in Sheffield on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 10:30 with visitation prior to the service starting at 9:30. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Sheffield is caring for Delphia and her family.

Delphia was born August 25, 1918, to parents John and Flossie (Cumpton) Mullen on a farm near Plymouth, Iowa, the second oldest of 14 children. She attended country school and graduated from eighth grade. Growing up, she helped her mom around the farm with various tasks, which included milking cows by hand for many years.

On February 3, 1937, she married Francis Foell. They were blessed with four children. Together they farmed and made their home near Rockwell, Iowa, until Francis passed away in 1996. Delphia continued to live on the farm until 2010 when she moved to the Sheffield Care Center.

Delphia had many hobbies. She loved her large garden and enjoyed canning many vegetables, including her famous dill pickles. Her 3,500 gladiolus were a testament to how much she loved flowers. Often she would be busy with a needle and thread making quilts for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her home usually smelled of something cooking or baking in

the kitchen. Many of her various entries to the North Iowa Fair earned ribbons. She enjoyed fishing and hunting as well. Delphia started playing the guitar when she was 14, and her love of music was a trait that she passed along to her children. She played and sang at church, reunions, and talent shows.

Delphia was passionate about the Lord. She taught Sunday school for nearly 40 years. She loved people and prayed that her numerous letters to the Globe Gazette Opinion Page would touch hearts and lead them to her Savior. She received many calls and letters as well as engaged in many personal conversations with her readers encouraging her to write more.

Delphia loved her family. She is loved by many and will be missed. She is survived by her daughter, Marlys Petersen; son, Mervin (Michelle) Foell; son-in-law, Larry Peter; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Jack (Carolyn) Mullen; and sisters-in-law, Shirly Mullen and Christine Foell.

She is preceded in death by her husband; an infant son; daughter, Delores Peter; her parents; 5 sisters; and 7 brothers.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Grace Baptist Church
404 E Gilman St
Sheffield, IA 50475

Service

JUL 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Merv and family, this is Candy (Collins) Culp...My parents are Jeanette and Darwin Colliins. I have just learned of your mom's passing, and I am so sorry to hear this. During the years that my mom was in the Sheffield Care Center, I spent time with Delphie everytime I came to visit from out of state. I so enjoyed hearing the stories of her life, and we always shared our faith stories as well. She was such an inspiration to me, and our entire family. I'm saddened for all who knew her, but so happy that she is now in the presence of her Lord and Savior. I will see her again one day!

Candy (Collins) Culp - September 05, 2023 at 11:02 AM

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“ I remember the great potlucks our families shared especially during pheasant season and the hamburger cookouts in the summer. And even as a kid her rows of flowers. Sorry we can't make the funeral as we're picking up Jason at the airport in DM Thursday morning but will be thinking of all.

Cecil Foell - July 05, 2023 at 06:39 PM

PN

“ What a long full life Del lived! I have many fond memories of gatherings at the farm for pheasant hunting. Lots of good food and fun. Her dill pickles were the best and a favorite of mine even as a little girl! Wish we could be there to celebrate her life with you. Dad has a doctors appointment. He is doing well at almost 92. Thinking about all of you and sending our love.
Alan and Paula Tapper Nicoll

Paula Nicoll - July 05, 2023 at 10:34 AM

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“ *DuPont family and friend purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Delphia Mae Foell.*



DuPont family and friend - July 03, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delphia Mae Foell.*



July 02, 2023 at 11:55 AM